

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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Honorable Sidney R. Yates  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Yates:

You recently contacted us concerning reports that the Central Intelligence Agency was considering offering public tours at its Headquarters Building.

Such tours were seriously considered but were found infeasible for many reasons. Enclosed is a statement which is being released on the subject.

Although we do not plan public tours, I would be happy to continue to arrange for informal briefings on the intelligence process for your groups. Should you wish to arrange for such briefings or visits to the Headquarters Building as described in the release, please have your office contact us by telephone at 351-6136 or, if you prefer, direct a letter to me.

Again, we appreciate the interest you have shown and want to assure you that we would always welcome your personal visit. If I can be of any further assistance to you in this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

George L. Cary  
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